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LEADER OF VILLA BANDIT GANG KILLED IN CLASH WITH AMERICANS

CANDELARIO CERVANTES, LEADER OF ONE OF THE BANDS OF VILLISTAS WAS SLAIN IN BATTLE SOUTH OF CRUCES.

Corporal David Marksbury and Privates George Nicholson and George Hullett were killed in the engagement that occurred south of Cruces. The Seventh Cavalry and were in a surprise attack by the Mexicans—Cervantes, Des... by Pershing as Second in Command Only to Villa... George Hullett, who was wounded, was hero... the fight, as bullets from his rifle brought down both Cervantes and Jose Berncorne, another bandit who also was killed.

Field Headquarters, May 26. (By wireless). Candelario Cervantes, a Villa bandit leader, was killed in an engagement with the American troops yesterday.

Private George O. Hullett was the hero of the fight. Bullets from his rifle brought down both Cervantes and Jose Berncorne, another bandit who was killed.

Cervantes has been thrown inside of the army in northern Chihuahua ever since the expedition began.

San Antonio, Tex., May 26.—Corporal David Marksbury was killed and privates George Nicholson and George Hullett wounded yesterday when the Americans killed Candelario Cervantes in the engagement south of Cruces, according to General Pershing's report to General Funston today.

Pershing described Cervantes as "second in importance to Villa."

The members of the Seventh Cavalry were caught in a surprise attack by the Mexicans.

Two Hundred Slaughtered
San Antonio, Tex., May 26.—More than two hundred civilians were slaughtered at Tres Marias between Mexico City and Cuernavaca, three weeks ago when bandits wrecked a train. Only one man was left alive. The bandits secured two million cartridges and three million pesos of the new currency issue.

ROOSEVELT PRESIDENTIAL BOOM REVIVED

MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS CONSIDERING NO OTHER CANDIDIDATES ROOSEVELT OR JUSTICE HUGHES.

Chicago, May 25.—The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, Arthur Sears Hennen, says that the old guard republicans were the recipients of much sympathy today and for the first time a number of them were willing to concede they are entitled to it. Just when they were settling down comfortably to the conviction that the remarkable development of the Hughes boom had put the quietus on Colonel Roosevelt's ambitions, along came a disturbing revival of the Roosevelt movement.

Just when it appeared certain that only Hughes stood between the old guard and its heart's desire, the eastern leaders woke up to the fact that they have a bigger job on their hands than they had contracted to handle. What with the delegates who favor Hughes and the delegates who are for Roosevelt, openly or secretly, an overwhelming majority of the convention stands for men the old guard must eliminate before it gets the man it wants.

Old Guard Faces Dilemma.
The old guard now faces the probability that, if Hughes should withdraw, Roosevelt stock would take a skyward leap, and that, if Roosevelt be effectually eliminated, the nomination of Hughes will approach close to a certainty.

Since the Roosevelt boom got its second wind the eastern leaders are beginning to look on Hughes as a life-saver, much as they dislike him. With the progressive nomination assured, Roosevelt, it is foreseen, might be a formidable antagonist should Justice Hughes suddenly knock the props from under his own boom.

Hope Hughes Will Outlast T. R.
Hence sundry republican politicians of the old school hereabout are hoping Hughes will stay in the race until Roosevelt is disposed of and then, if Hughes will not decently withdraw the old guard will accept him with appropriate relief in escaping Roosevelt, but with misgivings of the future.

There has been a good deal of gossip here in the last day or two to the effect that Justice Hughes does not intend to allow his name to go before the convention and has confided to friends that he regards Colonel Roosevelt the logical nominee. All of these tales are emphatically denied by the Hughes boomers.

Stand of Hughes.
It is asserted by republicans who profess to know the attitude of Mr. Hughes that he will not withdraw his name from consideration by the convention unless there should develop and unseemly struggle for delegates in which a justice of the supreme court would be made to appear as a contestant for the honor.

According to the Hughes men the justice will utter no word before the convention meets to indicate whether he will or will not accept the nomination. His silence will be interpreted as acquiescence in the program to hand him the nomination by an overwhelming vote.

Want Hughes or Roosevelt.
Hughes is still far and away the leading possible nominee, with Roosevelt second. Reports from all over the country disclose that Hughes and Roosevelt are the only possibilities seriously considered by republicans.

The Hughes boomers are more confident than ever that the justice will be nominated on the second or third ballot, and they are even now talking of the chance on "putting him over" on the first ballot. Frank Hitchcock has a bunch of southern delegates and it is said that he intends to throw them to Hughes on the first ballot, beginning with Alabama and Arizona. That is to be the signal for the rush to Hughes.

Root First Love.
Root is the first love of the old guardmen. Those eastern leaders who occasionally venture west of the Alleghenies opine that it would be party suicide to name Root. But Boss Barnes and his following are insisting on it.

From New York comes the account of a recent conference of war bride millionaires with several old guard leaders at which the munition financiers subscribed a fund of \$20,000,000 to be expended in nominating and electing Root.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., May 26.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and cooler; Saturday fair.

LOT SELECTED FOR EXCHANGE BUILDING

CHIEF ENGINEER OF PIONEER COMPANY ALREADY AT WORK ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR STRUCTURE.

The Pioneer Telephone Company have selected the location for the new \$100,000 improvement and have purchased the Gardenhire lot on the corner of Broadway and B street, N. W.

Plans and specifications for the new building are to be drawn up immediately and the contract let for the building.

Less than two weeks ago the Pioneer Company had their agents W. H. Berry and A. T. Saunders circulate a petition here asking that the ten per cent discount on telephone bills be discontinued and agreed to spend \$100,000 here in improvements, making the service here the very best that modern science could install, and to build their own exchange.

The selection and purchase of the lot today evidences the good faith of the company, and there is every reason to believe that there will be no delay in the work.

"It will take almost a year to get the switchboard," said Mr. Berry today, "and for that reason we could not lose any time. The plans and specifications will be drawn up immediately and the order placed. Our chief engineer, J. J. Hayes, is in the city today, already at work with this end in view. The company will fulfill every part of the agreement to the letter, and as quickly as possible."

The confidence of the company in Ardmore is considered a good index to its future growth as the plans contemplated are said to provide for a city much greater than Ardmore is at present.

NAVAL OFFICER SUICIDED

Commander of Fanning Seized Two Heavily Charged Wires.

Sag Harbor, Long Island, May 26.—Lieutenant Clarence Alvin Richards, commander of the United States destroyer Fanning was instantly killed here today by an electric shock in the station of a local electric plant.

The watchman said it appeared that the lieutenant committed suicide by taking hold of two heavily charged wires. He was 34 years of age.

DALLAS GETS PRESBYTERIANS

Nineteen Seventeen Assembly to Be Held in Texas.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 25.—Dallas, Texas, was today selected as the meeting place for the 1917 general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States.

It is expected that the holding of the next assembly in the southwest will greatly help to bring about a merger of the two branches of the church, known as the Presbyterians of the United States of America, and the Presbyterian church of the United States.

WAITE PLANNED TO KILL WIFE.

Says He Married Her for Her Money and Intended to Kill Her.

New York, May 26.—Dr. Arthur W. Waite told an alienist engaged for his defense in his trial for the murder of John E. Peck, his father-in-law, that he intended to kill his wife and that he married her for her money, according to the testimony by alienist Dr. M. J. Karpas today.

Karpas added that Waite did not intend to stop at anything to gain his ends.

TAFT OPENS PEACE LEAGUE

Washington, D. C., May 26.—Former President Taft said that the object of the League to Enforce Peace was not to urge President Wilson to stop the present war, in opening the two days' session here today, but to form a world court and force nations to submit to it for arbitration of all international controversies.

TWO MAY DIE FROM WOUNDS MADE BY RAZOR

ARDMORE BARBER AND WOMAN HAVE CUTTING AFFRAY IN A FORT WORTH ROOMING HOUSE — IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

The Fort Worth Record of this date contains the following:

Mrs. Beulah Norris, 24, of 207 Spring street and John Hill, 32, a barber of Ardmore, Okla., are in a serious condition at the City County hospital, the result of a cutting affray in a rooming house at Third and Houston streets at 5:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Norris' wounds, consisting of slashes across the throat, are the most serious, and little hope is held for her recovery. Hill's wounds consist of lacerations about the throat, the windpipe being severed. He was able to talk to newspaper men at a late hour, but Mrs. Norris could not articulate.

Mrs. Sadler, proprietress of the house where the affray occurred, stated she narrowly escaped injury, but fled and thus saved herself. The razor used to cut Mrs. Norris' throat was buried at her, she stated, but missed its mark.

Cutting Occurs in Hall.

According to Mrs. Sadler, Hill and Mrs. Norris had been friends for some time and had called to visit her. She excused herself a few moments after their arrival and upon her departure from the parlor, Hill and Mrs. Norris also walked to a rear hall of the house, where the cutting took place.

Hill stated that he had been attacked by Mrs. Norris and admitted defending himself. His wounds were inflicted by a razor, while Mrs. Norris' wounds were made with a razor and a pair of scissors. Hill is a barber, and was carrying a razor and a pair of scissors.

Hill Exhibits Old Wounds.

Hill had had trouble before, he asserted. He exhibited four wounds, inflicted with a knife, one in the throat, another on the hand, one on the breast, which he said were made Wednesday night a week ago. He had an appointment with Mrs. Norris on the Paddock viaduct, he said, and it was there the knife wounds were inflicted.

Hill's wife is a resident of Denison. With her are two daughters by a former wife of Hill, and a son.

Mrs. Norris' husband lives in Temple. She had been making her home with her mother, Mrs. Ada Jenkins, on Spring street. She has a 3-year-old daughter, which she has with her.

Mrs. Norris Reaches Street.

After Mrs. Norris' throat had been slashed from side to side she rushed from the building and down onto the sidewalk. She stopped a moment and rushed into the rear of a bar, screaming for help. One of the first to arrive at her side was a man named Barratt. She asked him to loosen her clothing, which he did. Mrs. Sadler, following close after her, then assisted Mrs. Norris into the ambulance, into which Hill also was placed. Both were taken to the emergency hospital, where their wounds were dressed by Dr. K. J. Scott, assistant city physician.

A FAMILY OF CHEYENNES

Indian Missionary and His Family Are Among Interesting Visitors

Among the interesting visitors to Ardmore are Rev. David Pendleton, an Episcopal minister and his family consisting of a wife, daughter and son. They are here attending the convocation at the Episcopal church. They are from Whirlwind Mission at Fay, Okla. The Rev. Pendleton, is dressed in the garb of the ministry of his church, but the women members of his family do not take so kindly to the fashions of the white women. The wife wears one of the big regulation shawls over her dress which is a common apparel to the Indian tribes. They are members of the Cheyenne tribe of Indians.

The farm help situation is becoming acute throughout Canada.

OFFICERS FOR COURT MARTIAL

FIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGULAR ARMY AND EIGHT OF TEXAS MILITIA NAMED.

TO BE HELD SOON

These Thirteen Officers Will Conduct Court Martial of One Hundred Sixteen Texas Members of Militia Who Refuse to Muster Into Service.

San Antonio, Tex., May 26.—The names of five officers of the regular army and eight of the Texas militia have been forwarded to President Wilson by General Funston for approval as members of the board of court martial to try the 115 Texas militiamen who are refusing to join the regular army.

The court martial will be held here as soon as possible.

Texans Nearing Border.

San Antonio, Tex., May 26.—The second Texas infantry regiment left here last night for the Mexican border. General Hulen, commanding the Texas militia, will have headquarters at Harlingen. The second regiment will be distributed as follows: Companies A, B, C, and D at Donna; Company E at San Fordyce; Companies F and H at Mission; Companies G, K, L, and M at Pharr and Company I at Laredo.

The fourth regiment will leave here Saturday and the third regiment next Tuesday.

BANK ROBBED AND BANDITS CAPTURED

FIRST STATE BANK OF WYNONA HAS ANOTHER VISIT FROM DAYLIGHT ROBBERS — CAPTURED BY OFFICERS.

Wynona, Okla., May 25.—"Don't shoot; you have got us; we surrender," said Harry Wells Thursday afternoon about 1 o'clock, three hours after he and his companion, Walter Kitterman, had held up and robbed the First State bank of Wynona of \$115. Wells addressed his remarks to D. F. Castle, United States enforcement officer, who took the bandits' trail after their horses had been shot from beneath them by L. L. Whitely, a hardware merchant in Wynona. After their horses had been mortally wounded in the street of Wynona the bandits fled afoot. Jaded and foot sore they entered a ravine and concealed themselves beneath a ledge of rock about two miles south of Wynona. Castle suddenly came upon the robbers and got the drop on them with his rifle before the robbers saw him.

Castle compelled the bandits to walk away from their weapons, which were on the ground, and he stood guard over the pair until a posse arrived. The men were searched and the \$115 found in their possession. Their four pistols and two rifles were taken charge of by the captors and the robbers taken to the county jail at Pawhuska.

Wells is about 40 years old and is well known in this community. He tilled a farm here several years ago. Kitterman is about 25 years old and is a stranger in this community.

Postmasters to Mineral Wells

Fort Worth, Tex., May 26.—A. N. Bule of Ennis was elected president of the Texas Postmasters' Association and Mineral Wells named as the 1917 meeting place at the closing session of the annual convention here today.

GERMANS CLAIM MORE SUCCESSES

ATTACKS ON EAST BANK OF THE MEUSE CONTINUE SUCCESSFULLY FOR TEUTONS.

FRENCH DRIVEN BACK

South of Fort Douaumont, the Germans Claim to Have Driven the French Further Back and to Have Captured Six Hundred Prisoners.

The German troops continue successfully their attacks on the east bank of the Meuse, extending their positions to the West Haudremont quarry, and crossing the Douaumont ravine, the Berlin war office announces today.

South of Fort Douaumont, the French were driven further back and the Germans claim to have captured six hundred prisoners.

The French statement says there is little change in the situation today on the Verdun front.

Carry Famine Flags.

London, May 26.—Women carrying black famine flags engaged in food riots in Frankfurt, Germany, Wednesday night, according to an Amsterdam dispatch received here. Eighteen of the women were wounded in a fight with the police, according to the Amsterdam report.

PROMINENT LADY COMING SATURDAY

MRS. EMMA MANCHESTER OF OMAHA, NEB., SUPREME GUARDIAN OF WOODMEN CIRCLE, COMING HERE.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock an open meeting of the Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle will be held at the Knights of Pythias hall. The occasion will be the visit of Mrs. Emma B. Manchester of Omaha, Neb., supreme guardian of the Woodmen Circle of the United States.

A final musical program has been arranged and refreshments will be served. R. A. Howard of this city will deliver the address of welcome to the visitors in behalf of the Woodmen and Mrs. W. H. Bumpas will perform a like duty for the Circle. Prof. C. W. Richards will deliver an address on the good of the order. Accompanying Mrs. Manchester will be other distinguished members of the order. After the exercises here, the party, with many of the local members, will take the southbound Santa Fe train for Marietta, where another program will be given that night.

Ardmore has the largest camp of Woodmen in the state and the degree team of the Woodmen Circle has a state-wide reputation for the excellence of its work.

Suits Filed Saturday

S. G. Gillispie vs. Atlas Construction Co., appealed from justice court. W. M. Sweeney vs. Atlas Construction Co., appealed from justice court. O. P. Rushing vs. W. Evans, suit for debt and foreclosure of mortgage and to replevy certain personal property; amount claimed \$350.00.

Sigler & Howard vs. G. B. Akers, suit for attorney fees; amount claimed \$100.00 and interest.

Sigler & Howard vs. W. B. McMurray and Mrs. Cleve McMurray, suit for attorney fees; amount claimed \$50.00 and interest.

Sigler & Howard vs. W. T. Hunt, Phoebe Hunt, G. B. Akers, and American Investment Co., suit for attorney fees; amount \$300.00 and interest.